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1. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS AMBASSADOR SCALI OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, AMBASSADOR BENNETT REPLY TO AMBASSADOR SALIM'S LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 15 CONCERNING REPORTED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE UNITED STATES.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES FOR SOME TIME

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HAS UTILIZED MILITARY FACILITIES AT LAJES IN THE

AZORES ISLANDS AS PART OF THE NATO DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE. THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PORTUGAL PERTAIN SOLELY TO THE EXTENSION OF THE UNITED STATES' USE OF THE AZORES FACILITY.

THE UNITED STATES HAS NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING A MILITARY OR NAVAL BASE IN MOZAMBIQUE OR ANY OF PORTUGAL'S OTHER TERRITORIES IN AFRICA. UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSELS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENTS

INVOLVED WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE OCCASIONAL CALLS AT EAST AFRICAN PORTS, INCLUDING THOSE IN MOZAMBIQUE, AS THEY TRADITIONALLY HAVE.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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